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Wallowa County and It's Many Resources

Wallowa County, one of the scenic wonders of the West. Grandeur! Mystery! Beauty beyond compare! Yet better than all these, and more helpful, is the spirit of the Blue Mountains. Its mountains are grand as measured by the rule of the Mighty Three and it has what they have not—the harmony of peace. To the tired eye the gently rounded forms speak of rest, its quiet valleys tell their sweet story to the weary mind and body. A priceless heritage it is to the hectic peoples of the great cities. And they are coming in here quite often now—departing singing the praises of Wallowa valley and particularly of this little city of Enterprise; and may their children's children possess it unimpaired throughout all time to come.

Wallowa county, Oregon, is situated in the N. E. corner of the state, and is a most inviting field for the homeseeker. It is about 100 miles square and has a population of 10,000. It is new, prosperous and ever growing; is settled mostly by eastern emigrants who, having grown tired of cyclones, blizzards, malaria, high rents and other disadvantages of the over crowded East, have been attracted to the free homesteads, rich soil and healthy climate of Wallowa county, as a most desirable place to live forever. In appearance Wallowa county is rough and uneven and is divided by nature into mountains, hills and valleys. The mountains are imposing in their wealth of scenic beauty and are valuable as a summer range for stock and their mines of precious metals. The hills are level and undulating and produce abundant crops of wheat, oats, rye and barley, and the famous bunch grass, on which vast herds of stock thrive and grow fat, making easy fortunes for their owners.

The valleys are well irrigated, rich and productive, and in addition to the crops raised in "the hills" produce immense yields of clover, timothy and alfalfa. The county is particularly well adapted to fruit raising; garden truck of all kinds do exceedingly well. It is well watered by four rivers, numerous streams, and fine springs; it has the heaviest rainfall of any county in the state east of the Cascades.

The principle river is Wallowa, a very rapid mountain stream, of crystal clearness, whose swift flowing waters afford immense water-power, and flows for forty miles through a valley as rich as the Nile, turning the wheels of machinery, irrigating vast acres of fertile land and finally emptying into the

Grande Ronde. There are thousands of acres of Government lands within the borders of Wallowa valley, yet subject to homestead. This land is deep, rich and productive and each homestead usually contains living water.

The county embraces every variety of climate from snow capped mountains to its warm valleys, where apples, peaches, apricots and grapes are almost a never failing crop.

Its summers are warm with cool nights; its winters are moderate and equable.

The resources of the county are as diversified as its surface. In the valleys and on the Grande Ronde, Snake and Imnaha rivers fruits and vegetation of all kinds abound. In the valley hogs, grasses, and grain of all kinds make abundant yields; and the hills and mountains furnish feed for thousands of head of sheep, cattle and horses.

Lumber and mining industries in Wallowa county are in their infancy; but with the advent of the railroad, these vast resources will receive the attention they deserve.

Numerous quarries of fine marble, granite and building stone have been opened up and only await shipping facilities to be fully developed. Land can yet be bought at very reasonable prices but the price is steadily advancing.

Wages range from \$40 per month on the farm, to \$6 per day for skilled labor. And laboring men are always in demand.

As a health resort, Wallowa valley stands in a class by itself. Its high altitude, pure, fresh air, warm summer days, cool nights and refreshing sleep, cold, crystal waters, and an abundance of pure wholesome food, has returned the bloom to many a faded cheek, and the spark of life to the weary eye. Many a person who has dispaired of life, has found perfect health in this valley.

There are five towns in the valley, chief among them being Enterprise, which is also the county seat. It is truly the "Queen City" of beautiful Wallowa valley. It has a fine electric light system, water works, is incorporated and has good city government. Wallowa county, with one exception, is the only county in the state that is entirely out of debt.

Enterprise has a fine system of public schools, high school (just being erected,) and four churches.

A conservative estimate places the number of acres tributary to Enterprise, at 400,000, with about 100,000 already under irrigation.

The Impressions of a Stranger

We think when we say that a more beautiful country than that which we passed through on our way to Enterprise from Elgin can hardly be found. Certainly nature has dealt kindly and bountifully with the farmer of Wallowa County. Outside of the natural beauty of the country, in various localities, through irrigation, it has blossomed forth in golden grain.

Wallowa County, if we may judge, must be a good place to reside. The livestock one sees, certainly makes one think of David, who in biblical times spoke of his "Cattle on a thousand hills." Here we see cattle, horses, sheep and hogs, fat, sleek and nearing the ready-for-market stage. No county in the state, we will venture the assertion, can show such handsome livestock as can Wallowa. We are not judging from the aesthetic point of view, as the glory of mountains and beauty of the rivers are patent to all who have been lucky enough to view them.

Now a few words about Enterprise, the county seat and metropolis of this county. Well situated, accessible from all points of the county, this city was well selected. We were very favorably impressed with the cosmopolitan appearance of the city and the cordiality of its prosperous citizens.

If the News-Record is not up to its usual standard this issue, the reason is that the gentlemen who have it in charge did not arrive in town until noon Thursday thus not enabling them to give much time to this issue. They trust the excuse will be sufficient.

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